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SUBJ: TERRORISM: WORK OF THE NATO SPECIAL COMMITTEE

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SUMMARY: AT LUNCH ON NOVEMBER 26, SYG LUNS REPORTED TO PERMREPS ON RESULT OF HIS INFORMAL INVESTIGATION OF THE EXCLUSION OF A U.S. DIPLOMAT FROM A MEETING OF THE NATO SPECIAL COMMITTEE. PERMREPS CONDEMNED THIS INCIDENT AND AGREED THAT STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO INSURE IT DID NOT RECUR. END SUMMARY.

1. LUNS REFERRED TO THE NOVEMBER 19 PERMREPS LUNCH DISCUSSION OF THE WORK OF THE NATO SPECIAL COMMITTEE (REFTEL) AND SAID HIS CAREFUL INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT EVENTS HAD TAKEN PLACE EXACTLY AS U.S. CHARGE MCAULIFFE HAD DESCRIBED THEM THE PRECEDING WEEK. DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) REMARKED THAT IF SUCH WAS THE CASE, THE UNITED STATES HAD INDEED BEEN "MOCKED" IN ITS EFFORTS TO STIMULATE DISCUSSION AND STUDY OF TERRORISM AMONG THE ALLIES.

2. CONTINUING, LUNS QUOTED INFORMATION HE HAD RECEIVED FROM ONE OF HIS SUBORDINATES TO THE EFFECT THAT THE OFFENSIVE STATEMENT WHICH LED TO THE EXCLUSION OF THE U.S. DIPLOMAT WAS BELIEVED TO CONFIDENTIAL

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HAVE BEEN ONLY A "CASUAL" REMARK. LUNS' SUBORDINATES ALSO COMMENTED THAT MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE WERE ACCUSTOMED TO WORKING ONLY WITH "TRUSTED PROFESSIONALS." HARTOGH (NETHERLANDS) COMMENTED THAT SUCH A STATEMENT WAS IN BAD TASTE AND THAT IT

NOW APPEARED TO HIM THAT THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE HAD LITTLE OR NO REGARD FOR DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL, NOR FOR THE DISCRETION WITH WHICH PERMANENT REPS TO THE COUNCIL TREAT SENSITIVE INFORMATION. LUNS SAID HE WAS FAR FROM SATISFIED WITH THE REPORT HE HAD RECEIVED FROM THE OFFICE OF NATO SECURITY DIRECTOR. HE RE-EMPHASIZED THAT IT WAS WITHIN THE POWER OF NATIONAL DELEGATIONS TO NAME ANY PERSON THEY WANTED--ANY PERSON THEY WERE PREPARED TO CERTIFY--TO ATTEND MEETINGS OF ANY ORGAN OR SUB-ORGAN OF THE NATO ALLIANCE.

3. DEPUTY SYG PANSA ASKED MCAULIFFE WHY THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE ON THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE HAD NOT CHALLENGED THE OFFENSIVE RULING BY THE CHAIRMAN. MCAULIFFE REPLIED, AS HE HAD EXPLAINED PREVIOUSLY, THAT THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, MR. ADAMS OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, WAS ATTENDING HIS FIRST MEETING AT NATO AND FOR THAT REASON WAS UNFAMILIAR WITH PROCEDURES. MCAULIFFE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE HAD PERSONALLY RECOMMENDED TO WASHINGTON THAT THE HEAD OF THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE SHOULD AS IS CUSTOMARY BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION; BUT THAT THE SUB-CHIEF, THE DEPUTY, SHOULD BE A FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. IF BY CHANCE THE CHIEF OF THE U.S. DELEGATION WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND A SESSION, MCAULIFFE CONTINUED, THE DEPUTY WOULD TAKE CHARGE; AND THEN ONE WOULD BE IN AN EXCELLENT POSITION TO CHALLENGE ANY SIMILAR SUCH RULING BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THIS NATO COMMITTEE. LUNS SAID HE THOUGHT THIS AN EXCELLENT IDEA, AND PECK (UK) AGREED.

4. DRAPF (FRG) SAID HE HAD LOOKED INTO THE EVENETS SURROUNDING THE NOV 4-6 SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING AND HAD ASSURED HIMSELF THAT THE GERMAN REPRESENTATIVE, HERR NOLLAU, WHO WAS SERVING AS CHAIRMAN, HAD BEEN ENTIRELY TO BLAME. DRAPF ADDED THAT AUTHORITIES IN BONN WHO OPERATE ON A POLICY LEVEL LOOK UPON THIS WHOLE QUESTION VERY DIFFERENTLY THAN HERR NOLLAU. MCAULIFFE

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